

his five brothers, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You have made a sacrifice that a grateful Nation can never repay. I hope that one day your sorrow will be salved by your pride in knowing that Duncan served the Nation with overwhelming honor, courage, and dignity. He will never be forgotten.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL JUSTIN B. "JEB" NEEL

• Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that today I commend a great American and Arkansan on his last day of duty in the Marine Corps. Cpl Justin B. "Jeb" Neel grew up in Little Rock and attended Little Rock Catholic High where he was a member of their prestigious and well-known Marine Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. He went on to graduate from the University of Arkansas, my alma mater, with his bachelor's of art in criminal justice. He was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, of which I am a member.

Upon his graduation in 2003, Jeb enlisted in the Marine Corps and answered the call to serve his country. After completing boot camp in San Diego, Jeb was assigned to the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC. While there, Jeb served as a member of the world famous U.S. Marine Body Bearer section. This small but vital group is composed of marines within one of the ceremonial drill companies at the Marine Barracks.

As a marine in Bravo Company, Jeb was charged with the difficult duty of receiving marines who had been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Eventually, Jeb was called to serve in the global war on terror, and in February 2007, he deployed to Al Anbar Province in western Iraq. While in Al Anbar, Jeb and his fellow marines performed missions that included month-long hikes up the Euphrates River searching for weapons caches and fallen marines. They also performed foot patrols in cities across Al Anbar including Fallujah and Hit. By all accounts Jeb and his fellow marines greatly contributed to the mission of increasing peace and stability for the Iraqi people.

Jeb returned from Iraq at the end of 2007 to his strong and supportive family and finished the rest of his military service at Camp Lejeune. I am proud to have citizens like Jeb from the State of Arkansas who so valiantly and honorably serve this Nation.

I had the pleasure of having breakfast with Jeb before he deployed to Iraq, and I was truly inspired and impressed by his commitment and duty to our country. It is with great thanks that I commend Corporal Neel for his service. Today, Jeb leaves the Marine Corps and moves on to do other great things with his life. I think we should all take this opportunity to recognize

what our service men and women like Jeb Neel sacrifice for this great Nation. I thank him for his service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 310. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (Rept. No. 110-260).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1892. A bill to reauthorize the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-261).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2592. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for permanent tax incentives for economic growth; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2593. A bill to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. Res. 443. A resolution designating February 2008 as "Go Direct Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr.

ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency an office to measure and report on greenhouse gas emissions of Federal agencies.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey